



Disaster Checklist

For Nassau County Residents

Preparing at Home

A home emergency plan for you and your family should include a communication system, disaster supply kits, shelter kits, and a meeting place. Survival kits should contain information and supplies for your home or to take with you to a shelter. Below is a basic or "starter" list of supplies you should consider including in your kit. Keep the items that you would most likely use in an easy-to-carry container, such as a camping backpack or duffle bag. Reassess your family's needs and your supplies every year.

- ☐ Photo identification and proof of address
- ☐ Insurance policies, contracts, wills, passports, deeds, stocks and bonds, social security cards, immunization cards, Medicare/Medicaid cards (and keep in a water-proof bag)
- ☐ Banking and credit card information
- ☐ Emergency Contact Information: names and phone numbers of those in your personal support network, family members, doctors, equipment suppliers, and utility companies
- ☐ One-week supply of non-perishable canned/packaged food
- ☐ Bottled water (gallon/day)
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Plastic trash bags
- ☐ Battery operated radio/TV with extra batteries
- ☐ Family photos (new and old)
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Blankets and pillows
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Childcare items
- ☐ Cell phone w/ spare batteries
- ☐ Phone that plugs directly into the wall
- ☐ Hard soled shoes
- ☐ Money (small bills and change)
- ☐ Auxiliary medical equipment with extra batteries if necessary (i.e., oxygen, scooter battery, hearing aid)
- ☐ Style and serial numbers of medical devices (such as pacemakers)
- ☐ Medicine supply and written dosage instructions (rotate to ensure it does not expire)
- ☐ Medical alert bracelet
- ☐ Food and water supply for pets
- ☐ Pet carrier/cage with toy
- ☐ Leash/harness with ID tag for pets
 - o It is recommended that you have alternative plans for pets since pets are not allowed in shelters.

If you are evacuating to a shelter, before you leave your home:

- ☐ Secure windows and shutters with plywood for storm emergencies
- ☐ Remove all dead and diseased limbs from your house
- ☐ Secure patio furniture
- ☐ Top-off car gas tank
- ☐ Turn off electricity at main switch
- ☐ Shut gas valve at the appliance, not the main
- ☐ Let friends, relatives or neighbors know where you are going

**Remember to listen to local radio and TV stations for emergency information and evacuation instructions.*

Protecting Pets and Animals

Remember, **pets are not allowed in shelters**, so be sure to make alternate sheltering plans for your pet(s). **Service animals are allowed** in Nassau County shelters. If you bring your service animal with you, have water, food, medicines, toys and other necessities.

Work and School

Every workplace and school should have an evacuation plan and emergency procedures. Become familiar with evacuation plans in areas where you spend a great deal of time. You may want to store a few essential items at these places as well.

Remember - 911 Is For Emergencies Only

Additional Information

N.C. Office of Emergency Management	573-0636
N.C. OEM Email	NCOEM@mail.co.nassau.ny.us
N.C. American Red Cross	747-3500
N.C. Main Number	571-3000
Nassau County Police	573-7000
TTY Relay Operator	800-421-1220
Federal Emergency Management Agency	www.fema.gov (for emergency preparedness information)
American Red Cross	www.redcross.org